



**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

November 26, 2024

Commissioners Scott Miller, Scott Blain, and Bill Bullock, Deputy Clerk Katrina Kruger and Administrative Officer Angela Newell were present.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

8:35 Public Comment. Scott Miller reported on the Aisenbrey Bridge. The old bridge was demolished yesterday and installation of the new bridge should be completed today. Seeing no further public comment, Presiding Officer Scott Miller recessed the meeting until the next agenda item.

9:00 Presiding Officer Scott Miller re-opened the meeting to discuss a request to hold a special meeting to consider a groundwater monitoring variance for a septic permit. Bullock moved to schedule a special meeting of the Board of Health to consider the variance. Blain seconded. Discussion was held regarding the scheduling of the special meeting. Newell will email the Board of Health to request a Special Meeting at 11:00 am on December 10<sup>th</sup> and determine if a quorum will be available. Motion carried.

9:05 Montana Department of Transportation Bridge Repairs Agreement-Willow Creek Road and Joliet Fromberg Road Bridges. Tyler Lindbloom from Interstate Engineering joined the meeting remotely. Brent Moore with Interstate Engineering joined the meeting in person. Bill Bullock moved to approve the Project Specific Agreement Local Road and Bridge Account NBI Bridge Number L05010011+06001 and L05101000+01001 2024 BR REPAIR - CARBON COUNTY UPN 10621000. Blain seconded. Discussion was held regarding the scope of the bridge projects. The understanding is that the Joliet Fromberg Road Bridge will be repaired at this time and replaced in 2026. The County will manage the "quick-fix" project with reimbursement for the costs and MDT will manage the replacement project. Moore suggested the County submit an expedited request for full replacement of the Willow Creek Bridge and forgo the temporary repair project. Bullock inquired if some funding could be allocated to Tuttle Lane Bridge. Moore and Lindbloom advised that once the agreement is in place, it would open conversations with MDT and the various options could be reviewed. Motion carried. Moore and Lindbloom were excused from the meeting. Presiding Officer Scott Miller recessed the meeting until the next agenda item.

9:30 Revised Job Descriptions: Community Corrections Program Coordinator/CCSO Clerk & Evidence/Records Technician and Revised Job Description: Sheriff's Office Administrator & Evidence/ Records Technician. Sheriff Josh McQuillan joined the meeting. The job descriptions are being revised to add evidence/records

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technician duties to the Essential Job Functions. Newell and McQuillan advised that the Community Corrections Program Coordinator and CCSO Clerk & Evidence/Records Technician would be paid additional wages only for the time they are performing evidence and records technician duties. Blain moved to approve the revised job descriptions and pay differential. Bullock seconded. Motion carried.

10:00 Beartooth Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. (RC&D) Memorandum of Understanding and Project Update. Joel Bertolino, Executive Director/Food & Ag Director, Gaurav Thakur, Economic Development Director, Nan Knight, Finance Director/Brownfields Coordinator, and Myrna Lastusky, Project Manager Beartooth RC&D, joined the meeting. Bertolino discussed increasing the per capita contribution by 10 cents for the 2026 MOU. Knight reported on the revolving loan fund, Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant, and possible re-development of the Old Memorial Hospital site. Knight also discussed potential workforce housing development in Roberts. Lastusky and Bertolino reported on a Bozeman Trail tourism project; small businesses assistance and community development efforts, and the FinCEN (Financial Crimes Enforcement Network) launched the BOI E-Filing website for reporting beneficial ownership information on January 1, 2024. Bullock moved to approve Beartooth Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. (RC&D) Memorandum of Understanding and Project Update, Blain seconded. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding capacity and infrastructure of the Old Hospital site. Newell shared information on the Cedarwood project to and the intent to create a single County campus and the potential of creating a public safety space for temporary drug and alcohol detention and mental health crisis center sometime in the future.

10:37 Consent Agenda. Bullock moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of a Certificate of Account with Town & Country Supply for gasoline purchases effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Blain seconded. Motion carried. Presiding Officer Scott Miller recessed the meeting until the next agenda item.

11:00 Review Justice of the Peace Applications. Clerk Sarah Elton joined the meeting in person. Clerk Amanda Dove joined on-line. Bullock asked that either Elton or Dove be on the election panel as representatives of the Justice Court office. Discussion was held regarding the interview process of an appointed official. Newell advised that 4 applications had been received from Joel Todd, JP Westbrook, Raphael He Does It, and

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Jeff Schmalz. Attorney and community member, Steve Thuesen discussed the merits of each applicant. Interviews will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9 am in the Commissioners' Office and will be recorded. Presiding Officer Scott Miller recessed the meeting until the next agenda item.

1:00 County Facilities Bonding Discussion. Scott Blain called the meeting to order. Commissioner Miller had excused himself from this discussion for business outside the Commissioner's office. Nathan Bilyeu with Jackson, Murdo & Grant, P.C. joined the meeting to discuss General Obligation Bonds and funding options in relation to the old Cedarwood Villa and plans for the phased development to create a single campus of County offices. Commissioners and Bilyeu discussed non-voted county general obligation bonds for up to 1.5 million dollars in funding per project. The process to authorize those bonds and current interest rates. Bilyeu also reviewed the requirements and timelines for securing bonds through an election process. Discussion was held regarding the County's latitude for stacking the single purposes for multiple \$1.5M Limited General Obligation Bonds.

2:00 Adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Clerk & Recorder

  
Commission Presiding Officer

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk, Katrina Kruger

